



**Testimony of Carol Scully**  
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**LCO No. 3860 S.B. 412 An Act Increasing Medicaid Rates For**  
**Complex Care Nursing Services**

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Members of the Human Services Committee: Co-Chair Representative Gilchrest, Co-Chair Senator Lessor, Vice Chair Senator Herron Gaston, Vice Chair Representative Lucy Datham, Ranking Member Senator Lisa Seminara, Ranking Member Representative Jay Case, Senator Mahar, Representative Butler, Representative Cook, Representative Comey, Representative Exum, Representative Fortier, Representative Hughes, Representative Johnson, Representative Keitt, Representative Leeper, Representative Santiago, Representative Buckbee, Representative Ferraro, Representative Mastrofrancesco, Representative Pizzuto, Representative Polleta:

The Arc Connecticut is the oldest and the largest community-based organization advocating for and with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. We work tirelessly to uphold our vision that every individual and family living with I/DD has access to the information, advocacy, and skills they need to support their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

We are a chapter of The Arc of The United States, which has 675 chapters in 49 states and over 5,000 service locations. Nationwide, we have approximately 7,000 board members, 124,000 staff, 46,000 volunteers and collectively we serve more than 1 million people with I/DD and their family members.

In Connecticut, our 14 Arc local chapters deliver over \$100 million in jobs, supports and services to thousands of people in 162 communities. Nonprofit providers including the Arcs are the largest provider of supports and services for people with I/DD and their families in the state, providing about 96% of the services.

The Arc of Connecticut supports S.B. 412, a bill that proposes to amend the Medicaid state plan to increase the rates for complex care nursing services provided to a Medicaid beneficiary in the person's home. The Arc of Connecticut hears from many families who have loved ones with complex health care needs that are often not met at home or in the community. Many persons with complex care needs are on DSS/DDS Medicaid waivers that provide services for persons with intellectual developmental/developmental disabilities and persons with Autism.

Access to healthcare for persons who are disabled is mandated by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Currently, there is a lack of accessible healthcare including providers and medical equipment for persons with disabilities in Connecticut.

The Arc of Connecticut urges the legislature to pass S.B. 412 increasing access to certified community healthcare workers for persons with disabilities.

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